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SUBJECT: FROLINAT HOSTAGES RELEASED IN LAGOS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO EUROPEAN HOSTAGES HELD BY FROLINAT WERE RELEASED IN LAGOS ON APRIL 15 AS A RESULT OF THE INTERCESSION OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS FRENCH CITIZEN CHRISTIAN MASSE AND SWISS CITIZEN ANDRE-PIERRE KUMMERLING, WHO WERE HANDED OVER TO THEIR COUNTRIES' AMBASSADORS.

2. COMMENTING TO THE PRESS, MEA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR OLU SANU SAID THAT FMG HAD OBTAINED THE RELEASE OF THE TWO MEN WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS BEING MET. THE NEW NIGERIAN ACCOUNT OF THE RELEASE QUOTES "A SENIOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION WITH FROLINAT HAS NOT CHANGED THE GOVERNMENT'S
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ATTITUDE TO DISSIDENTS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD. THE UNNAMED OFFICIAL IS QUOTED, "IF ANY COUNTRY WILL SUPPORT DISSIDENTS, IT CANNOT BE NIGERIA."
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